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#### DEPOSITION OF TIARNAN COVAL

#### August 15, 2002

Pursuant to Notice, the deposition of Tiarnan Coval was taken before Merriam Warrington, Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, and Reporter for H & M Company, at Homer, Alaska, on the fifteenth day of August, 2002, beginning at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

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3	(On record at 9:05 a.m.)
4	THE REPORTER: On record. My name is Merriam
5	Warrington, I am the recording clerk for H & M Company who
6	is taking this deposition today for Kron Associates
7	Reporting.
8	Today's date is Thursday, August 15, 2002, and the time
9	is 9:05. We are taking this deposition at the Best Western
10	Bidarka Inn, 575 Sterling Highway, Homer, Alaska 99603.
11	The case is before the Federal Communications
12	Commission, Washington D.C., EB Docket Number 02-21, File
13	Number EB 01-1H-0609, FRN 0001-5712-15, in the matter of
14	Peninsula Communications, Incorporated. The deponent's name
15	is Tiarnan Coval. Would counsel please identify themselves
16	for the record?
17	MS. LANCASTER: I'm Judy Lancaster and I represent the
18	FCC. And along with me is Mr. James Shook who's also
19	represents the Federal Communications Commission.
20	MR. SOUTHMAYD: On behalf of Peninsula Communications,
21	Inc., I'm Jeffrey D. Southmayd, Southmayd and Miller,
22	Washington, D.C.
23	THE REPORTER: Are there any stipulations to go on the
24	record today?
25	MS. LANCASTER: No.

1	THE REPORTER: Okay. Mr. Coval, would you please raise
2	your right hand?
3	(Oath administered)
4	MR. COVAL: I do.
5	TIARNAN COVAL
6	a witness, called for examination by counsel on behalf
7	of the Federal Communications Commission, being first duly
8	sworn, examined and testified as follows:
9	THE REPORTER: Thank you. For the record would you
10	please state your full name, spelling your last, and give me
11	your mailing address and phone number for the record?
12	THE WITNESS: First name is Tiarnan, T-I-A-R-N-A-N,
13	middle initial A, last name C-O-V as in Victor, A-L.
14	Mailing address is 1615 East Aliak, A-L-I-A-K, Drive, and
15	that's in Kenai.
16	THE REPORTER: And the zip code there in Kenai?
17	THE WITNESS: 99611.
18	THE REPORTER: And your phone number please?
19	THE WITNESS: Home or office?
20	THE REPORTER: Office.
21	THE WITNESS: 283-7423.
22	THE REPORTER: And your occupation Mr. Coval?
23	THE WITNESS: Sales Manager.
24	THE REPORTER: Thank you. Counsel, you may proceed.

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#### 1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

- 2 BY MS. LANCASTER:
- 3 Q Mr. Coval, my name is Judy Lancaster, and as you heard
- and I've already introduced myself, I represent the FCC
- in this deposition. I just want to go through a couple
- of things with you before we get started. Have you
- 7 ever taken -- had your deposition taken....
- 8 A No ma'am.
- 9 Q .....or attended a deposition before?
- 10 A No ma'am.
- 11 Q What's going to happen is I'm going to ask you some
- 12 questions and you're expected to answer fully and
- 13 truthfully. If you don't understand a question then
- ask me to explain it or if you didn't hear me clearly
- ask me to repeat it. I'm not trying to trick you in
- any way. You need to respond with clear verbal
- 17 responses. Uh-huh and unh-unh don't come through on
- 18 the tape so you need to say yes or no when you respond
- 19 to a question. Are you on any medication that would
- affect your testimony, your ability to testify?
- 21 A No ma'am.
- 22 Q Any other reason you're unable to testify this morning?
- 23 A No. I had -- it has been a rough month for us, I lost
- my mother just two weeks ago, and just prior to her
- funeral service we found out that my mother's -- my

- 1 mother-in-law is in the hospital with stage four
- terminal cancer. So my wife and family are there
- 3 currently and I've been a little scatterbrained. But
- other than that, no, there's no reason why I can't give
- 5 testimony.
- 6 Q Well, I'm sorry to hear about your circumstances,
- 7 but....
- 8 A Thank you.
- 9 0 .....you don't think that that will affect your
- 10 testimony here today?
- 11 A No ma'am.
- 12 O Okay. You've already given your name as Tiarnan. Do
- you go by Tiarnan or do you go by Terry?
- 14 A Depends on -- when I'm in trouble or not. Typically
- 15 I"m known within the community as Terry. Close friends
- 16 and family, Tiarnan.
- 17 MR. SOUTHMAYD: Judy, can I ask you a question?
- 18 MS. LANCASTER: Certainly.
- MR. SOUTHMAYD: I noticed that in the oath there was no
- so help me god, is that because we're in the Ninth Circuit
- 21 out here?
- MS. LANCASTER: Well, gee, I'm not that terribly
- familiar with the procedures in the Ninth Circuit, I don't
- 24 know how to answer that.
  - MR. SOUTHMAYD: Okay. Go ahead, sorry.

- 1 MS. LANCASTER RESUMES:
- 2 Q You've also already given your work phone, will you
- 3 please also give me your home phone?
- 4 A Yes, home phone is area code (907) 283-8423.
- 5 O You're married I've heard you say I believe.
- 6 A Yes ma'am.
- 7 Q And you have children?
- 8 A Yes ma'am.
- 9 Q What is your education level?
- 10 A Third year of college.
- 11 Q And what was your major?
- 12 A Biblical ministerial and business.
- 13 Q They needed you at roll call (ph).
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 O How long have you been working for Peninsula?
- 16 A Approximately 10 years.
- 17 Q And what did you do prior to that time?
- 18 A I was -- I worked for the City of Unalaska.
- 19 Q Doing wh -- City of who?
- 20 A City of Unalaska.
- 21 Q Can you spell that for me?
- 22 A U-N-A-L-A-S-K-A.
- 23 Q Is that the anti-Alaska city, is that.....
- 24 A No. It's City of Unalaska, Dutch Harbor, it's farthest
- 25 north -- north -- I'm sorry, farthest west fishing port

- in the United States.
- 2 Q And what did you do there?
- 3 A At different points in time I held position as Heavy
- 4 Equipment Operator, Landfill Attendant and Animal
- 5 Control Officer.
- 6 Q Did you have any radio or broadcast background prior to
- 7 joining PCI?
- 8 A No.
- 9 O Did you have any sales background prior to joining PCI?
- 10 A No.
- 11 O I was told that the home that you live in is supplied
- to you by PCI, is that correct?
- 13 A No ma'am. We had initially -- when we -- when I very
- 14 first started for Dave Becker I worked as on site
- security at the Kenai facility. Since then we have
- purchased a house on our own and we use that facility
- 17 as an office.
- 18 Q Okay. How about your car, I was also told that that
- 19 was provided by -- when I say Peninsula or PCI I mean
- the same -- you understand that I'm talking about.....
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 O .....Peninsula Communications?
- 23 A At one point in time the station leased a truck for
- 24 station purposes. But when the lease expired on the
- 25 truck I picked up the payments on the truck and

- 1 purchased the truck at that point in time. I do
- 2 receive reimbursement for gas allowance.
- 3 O Okay. Aside from your salary are there any other perks
- 4 that you receive from PCI?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Do any of the other employees or contractors get perks
- 7 from PCI that you're aware of?
- 8 A No.
- 9 O What was your starting -- your job title when you first
- 10 started to work for PCI?
- 11 A Account Executive.
- 12 O What's your current job title?
- 13 A Sales Manager.
- 14 Q Did you go straight from an Account Executive to a
- 15 Sales Manager or was there an interim title?
- 16 A I worked for about -- oh, I think it was about three or
- four years as an Account Executive and then when the
- previous Sales Manager retired I was promoted to Sales
- 19 Manager.
- 20 Q And how long have you been Sales Manager?
- 21 A Approximately six years.
- 22 Q Describe Mr. Becker's duties at PCI, what does he do?
- 23 A General Manager, owner, Chief Engineer and chief bottle
- washer. Anytime there's a job to do that -- that needs
- to be done Dave is willing to jump in and do it, it

- doesn't matter whether he feels that it's -- there is
- 2 no it's below me, if there's a job that needs to be
- 3 done he'll do it.
- 4 Q Okay. Does he have anything to do with the bookkeeping
- 5 functions at all?
- 6 A That would be beyond my -- my scope, I don't know.
- 7 Q Okay. How about Eileen Becker's duties or involvement
- 8 at PCI, what does she do?
- 9 A That's beyond my scope as well. I work out of the
- 10 Kenai office so I have very little contact with the
- Homer office.
- 12 Q How many broadcast facilities -- not talking about
- towers that have translators, but like studios, does
- 14 PCI use?
- 15 A We use one main studio and that's off of the Homer --
- the Diamond Ridge office. We do have a remote facility
- at the Kenai office where I currently work. But we do
- not use that for broadcast purposes.
- 19 Q Is it just an office, there's not any broadcast
- 20 equipment there?
- 21 A We have broadcast equipment there for KPEN and K Bay.
- Q Who else is in the Kenai office with you, anyone?
- 23 A Gary Hondel.
- 24 Q Spell his last name for me.
- 25 A H-O-N-D-E-L.

- 1 Q Okay. And what is his position?
- 2 A Account Executive.
- 3 Q And approximately how long has he been employed by PCI?
- 4 A Right around two years give or -- give or take a -- a
- 5 couple of months.
- 6 Q He's been an Account Executive that entire time?
- 7 A Correct.
- 8 Q Anyone else work in that office?
- 9 A Not currently, no.
- 10 O Have there been others that did work there?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And who were they and when did they change or leave?
- 13 A Daniel Meeks, last name M-E-E-K-S. And he was employed
- 14 with us for approximately one year.
- 15 O When was that?
- 16 A Last fall I believe is when he left.
- 17 O What did he do?
- 18 A Account Executive.
- 19 Q Anyone else?
- 20 A Recent or how far back do you want to go?
- 21 Q I'll go back as far as you have been there.
- 22 A Okay. Jim Childers, last name C-H-I-L-D-E-R-S, was a
- Sales Rep for a very short period of time before Dan
- Meeks.
- 25 Q Approximately what year?

- 1 A The year before, so it would have been two years ago so
- this is 2002 so 2001 would have been Dan, approximately
- 3 year 2000.
- 4 Q Okay. Anyone else?
- 5 A Russell Hicks, last name H-I-C-K-S. And he was the
- 6 person that Jim was hired to replace, so he was there
- for the four years prior to that approximately.
- 8 Q He was also a Sales Rep, is that....
- 9 A Correct.
- 10 Q ....correct
- 11 A Correct.
- 12 Q Sales Rep for approximately four years?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q Which would have been 1996 to 2000 approximately?
- 15 A Approximately, yes.
- 16 Q Anyone else?
- 17 A That would be it.
- 18 Q Okay. Do you have other employees who work for PCI
- that you're aware of but who are not located in either
- 20 the Kenai or the Homer office?
- 21 A No.
- 22 Q How about employees who are -- who sell in other areas,
- are they -- they still work out of the Kenai or Homer
- 24 offices?
- 25 A Kenai and Homer are the only two offices, sale off --

- sales offices that we operate out of.
- Q Okay. Describe the programming for each of the
- 3 stations.
- 4 A Okay. Included in the printouts that I was requested
- to bring down I have a brief overview of the stations.
- 6 K Wave FM 105 is a 100,000 watt stereo station,
- 7 programming adult contemporary hits, top hits of the
- 80's and 90's and current. Currently the Peninsula's
- 9 exclusive adult contemporary concert connection for
- 10 Twin Cities Productions. That has since changed
- 11 because Twin Cities is no longer operating in the
- function that they were previously to bringing concerts
- in. The target demo for station is 18 to 49 with the
- strong appeal from 18 to 45 years of age with a
- peninsula wide medium. KPEN FM 102 is the peninsula's
- only FM stereo country station, currently licensed to
- 17 broadcast at 25,000 watts. And the target demo there
- is men and women 25 to 54, and again that's a peninsula
- wide medium. K Bay FM 93.3, KXBA, is the peninsula's
- new -- what we call the Peninsula's new powerhouse
- station pumping out 50,000 watts of power in the
- 22 central peninsula.
- 23 Q And what was the frequency on that one again please?
- 24 A 93.3.
- 25 Q Okay.

1	Α	Currently K Bay is running an oldies format featuring
2		good times and great oldies from the late 50's, 60's
3		and early 70's with the core years being 1964 to 1969.
4		The target demo is men and women 35 plus, however we
5		have found that there's that the appeal of this
6		programming far exceeds what we had initially
7		considered to be our core our core target
8		demographic and we're finding that both and young and
9		old are enjoying the format, so it's been a real good
10		format for us. And that's the central peninsula
11		medium. And then KGTL AM 620 is a 5,000 watt station
12		programming the music of your life format which
13		includes big band music, standards and all time
14		favorites of each and every generation. Target demo is
15		men and women 35 plus and that is a south peninsula
16		medium which basically incorporates Homer and Anchor
17		Point area.
18	Q	Okay. I didn't write everything down originally so let
19		me the K Wave 105, where is that what area does
20		that serve?
21	А	It's a peninsula wide medium.
22	Q	Okay. And the KPEN, what is that what area does
23		that serve?
24	Α	Peninsula wide medium.

Okay. And then K Bay is central peninsula and KGTL is

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- 1 south peninsula, is that correct?
- 2 A Correct.
- 3 Q Okay. Who handles the bookkeep -- I want to say the
- 4 bookkeeping functions for each station, do you know?
- 5 A That would be handled out of the Homer office, so I
- 6 don't know.
- 7 Q Have you ever been in the Homer office, have you worked
- 8 out of the Homer office at some point?
- 9 A I come down to the Homer office from time to time, but
- I do not work out of the Homer office, no.
- 11 Q Have you ever worked out of the Homer office.
- 12 A No. Other than being down here and having something
- come up and having to, you know, handle it from here
- 14 rather than being in Kenai to handle it.
- 15 Q So how often do you come to the Homer office?
- 16 A Well, as little as possible. Dave Becker feels that I
- am most effective in the field and that's where he
- 18 likes to keep me.
- 19 Q And what does as little as possible mean? Give me an
- 20 approximation please.
- 21 A It -- it varies, it might be -- there have been points
- in time where I've been down here once a month, there
- has been points in time where it was three months
- before I'd -- I'd been down. Most of our contact takes
- 25 place daily over the telephone.

- 1 Q So the most frequent that you would typically be here
- 2 would be monthly.
- 3 A Correct.
- 4 Q Are you telling me that you don't know who does the
- 5 bookkeeping functions in the Homer office?
- 6 A Yes ma'am.
- 7 Q Okay. Do you know what the expenses are for the
- 8 various stations? Any of the stations?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q Do you have territories -- sales territories for each
- of the various salespeople?
- 12 A Yes and no. That's always a real tricky one as to
- where do you draw the boundaries because accounts
- change. And it might be with one agency this month and
- it might be with another agency next year. So we try
- to -- try to be as flexible as possible. But for
- general purposes Gary Hondel handles the Seward market
- and I handle the Kodiak market. And then we both work
- the Kenai Soldotna market and the Anchorage market.
- 20 Q Okay, great.
- 21 A And then Tim handles the sales for here in Homer.
- 22 O Okay, I'm trying to write this as you tell me and I'm a
- 23 little slower than....
- 24 a That's okay.
- 25 Q .....writing than you are at speaking. Go back to the

- second, when you said Hondel -- you handle -- where do
- 2 you handle?
- 3 A I handle Kodiak.
- 4 0 Okay.
- 5 A Kenai Soldotna and Anchorage. And Anchorage includes
- 6 national accounts as well.
- 7 O How do you determine commissions? Do you get -- well,
- let me go back. Do you get paid by -- on commission?
- 9 A Yes ma'am.
- 10 Q Does everyone get paid the same commission percentage?
- 11 A Yes ma'am.
- 12 Q And what is that?
- 13 A Fifteen percent.
- 14 Q Has it always been that particular amount?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 0 Okay.
- 17 A Now Gary Hondel is set up on a flat monthly salary and
- then when his commission exceeds basically a stipend,
- when he exceeds his base pay then he's paid commission
- for above and beyond what he makes.
- 21 Q So it's kind of like a draw situation?
- 22 A Kind of. He's guaranteed I think it's like \$2,500.00 a
- 23 month and then if he -- if his commissions exceed
- \$2,500.00 a month then he gets compensated for the
- commissions that would be above and beyond what he

- 1 would have earned for his base pay.
- 2 Q Okay.
- 3 A It's difficult for somebody new coming into this market
- 4 to -- to jump straight into a commission, commission
- salaried position, so that's how we set it up that way.
- 6 Q Is that generally how you set up a new person -- any
- 7 new salesperson that comes in?
- 8 A For the most part, yes.
- 9 Q And how long does that situation normally last?
- 10 A It depends on the individual. For myself it was about
- 11 two going on three years and each time that -- each
- time that Dave raised my base pay it was in reflection
- to the fact that -- that my commissions were coming in
- in that neighborhood and it was an incentive on his
- part to try to get me to be a little stronger in my
- sales. But typically yes, that's what we do. And I
- think the last -- Dan was on for a year, I'm not sure
- what the agreement is with Gary as to the length of --
- of the time that he's going to be on base pay plus
- 20 commission.
- 21 Q And tell me the procedure that you use to turn in -- to
- get your commissions. I mean do you -- every time you
- do a sale do you fill out a slip of paper and you turn
- it into somebody, how does that work?
- 25 A Well, we fill out a time order and that basically tells

- the client when they want to start their ads, when they
- want to end their ads, how many ads they want to run
- per week. A lot of times they'll tell us even the day
- parts that they want to run in. When that's turned
- into the station it then is added into the computer
- system at the station and then anywhere from 30 to 120
- days out we typically collect commission because we do
- 8 not get paid until after the client is paid.
- 9 Q Who do you turn it in to?
- 10 A It's usually faxed straight to the station to Heather
- who is our Traffic Director. She does all of the
- 12 logging.
- 13 Q Heather who?
- 14 A Heather Lewis. I had to stop and think for a minute.
- 15 O L-E-W-I-S?
- 16 A I believe so, yes.
- 17 Q When you say Traffic Manager, what is a Traffic
- 18 Manager?
- 19 A She is the one that handles all of the logging for the
- station and we call that traffic. When the spots are
- supposed to air, what sponsor's supposed to air. She's
- the one that feeds the information into the computer so
- that it goes out on the air when it's supposed to.
- 24 Q So it's all computerized basically?
- 25 A Correct.

- Okay. Let's look at the rate sheet that was turned in to us previously. And I think you were going to -- one
- of the things that we had asked you about was there
- appeared to be a page missing. Were you talk -- did
- 5 Dave or Eileen talk to you about that?
- 6 A Are you talking about the media packet itself?
- 7 Q I don't know if I have an entire media packet. All I
- 8 know is I have this little document right here.
- 9 A May I see what you're looking -- what you're referring
- 10 to? Okay. Typically what you're looking at -- let me
- give that right back to you. Here is a -- the -- the
- proposals that we turn out, this is a base core of the
- proposals. And basically what we do is adapt them to
- each client's individual needs, we kind of use it as a
- template. And what you're looking at is several pages
- out of a station information packet.
- 17 O Okay.
- 18 A And this one is minus the rate card that you have there
- because I was already under the impression that you had
- the rate card so I didn't feel it was necessary to
- 21 bring another one. But the two pages in question that
- you're referring to that were missing are page three
- and four. And these are -- this is an area within the
- 24 proposal that an individual salesperson can customize
- 25 the information to the client. For instance I put two

1		sample letters in here that that I have used in the
2		past. One is please feel free to look over the
3		following station information packet that you
4		requested. It is my hope that it will answer any
5		questions that you might have concerning our market
6		area. However, in the event you have any questions
7		pertaining to our station's coverage or our area in
8		general please feel free to call me directly. And then
9		I have my phone numbers listed. It's just more or less
10		a personal touch. And we can put different types of
11		information in there. If it's a client that we know
12		that is responding to, you know, environmental
13		influences we can use that space to adapt the
14		information that we're putting into the proposal to
15		their specific needs to make it more of a personal
16		presentation rather than just a generic packet.
17	Q	Now when you say you adapt the presentation or the
18		service, whatever, to a particular client's needs, does
19		that mean that the rates that are on this for lack
20		of a better term I'm going to call this a rate
21		card
22	A	Yes ma'am.
23	Q	because I don't know what it's supposed to be
24		called. Does that mean that the rates are negotiable?
25	A	Pretty much, they have been for quite some time. What

1		we ran into is since our competitor has four stations
2		these days what he does is he this is our standard
3		rate card, that's what we charged for each individual
4		station. What he's come along and done recently is he
5		takes and he will sell one station at rate card and
6		bonus them the other three stations. So in essence,
7		you know, we lock in with the rate card and we try to
8		charge for two stations or three stations and they say,
9		well, I'm only paying a third of that over here. So we
10		haven't really used the rate card in the last probably
11		three or four years. It's a standard to to work off
12		of. But, you know, throughout the course of the year
13		we've put together some of the proposals that you'll
14		see in here are proposals that we've been working in
15		order to try to stay competitive and keep some money
16		coming into the station during some of the slower
17		months.
18	Q	Okay. Explain to me how to read the rate card, what
19		does this mean?
20	Α	Okay. Basically what you have here is this is K Wave
21		on the top, triple A DAP and TAP times. Triple A is
22		your drive times. Okay? And that's typically from
23		6:00 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. DAP is our
24		daily audience plan which is 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
25	Q	Wait a minute, I'm writing. DAP is what is it

- 1 called?
- 2 A Daily audience plan.
- 3 Q Okay.
- A And it runs from 6:00 A to 7:00 P. And then we have
- 5 what we call a total audience plan which runs from 6:00
- a.m. to 12:00 midnight. And basically what that means
- is whichever one of those packages you purchase that's
- 8 where your spots are going to air. And then we have a
- 9 60 second rate and a 30 second rate for each of those.
- 10 Q Okay. Are you able to -- if someone just wants to
- 11 advertise on one station.....
- 12 A Huh-hum (interrogative).
- 13 Q .....are they able to do that?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q How do you work that with the computers? If you're
- 16 rebroadcasting your FM stations how can -- how do you
- 17 do that?
- 18 A How do we do what, how do we do just one station?
- 19 O Yeah.
- 20 A Each station is set up individually and each station
- 21 runs on its own hard drive. So therefore the
- commercials that are logged into K Bay, air on K Bay,
- the stations that are logged into K Wave run on K Wave
- and the ones that run on KPEN run on KPEN. And we can
- tell it to run on all three of those stations or any

- two of those stations or any single station.
- 2 Q But, for example, KPEN is rebroadcast on other
- 3 frequencies, is that correct?
- 4 A On other translators?
- 5 Q Right.
- 6 A Correct.
- 7 Q Those translators are all considered part of KPEN as
- 8 far as advertising is concerned?
- 9 A If I understand what you're asking, yes.
- 10 Q In other words, if it's a translator that's
- 11 rebroadcasting KPEN then any advertisements that are on
- 12 KPEN are going to automatically be rebroadcast....
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 Q .....is that correct?
- 15 A Correct.
- 16 Q So your ability is really only to program the full
- 17 service stations individually as far as advertisements
- 18 are concerned, is that correct?
- 19 A Exactly. We have always been a peninsula wide medium,
- meaning that, you know, you had two alternatives, you
- 21 could either advertise to the Kenai Soldotna area and
- 22 the Kenai Soldotna area alone on the peninsula, or you
- could advertise peninsula wide. And our -- as long as
- I've been here our forte has been that we can -- you
- know, that we reach all of the Kenai Peninsula in a

- 1 single media buy.
- 2 Q That is in fact your main selling point, is that true?
- 3 A Yes ma'am.
- 4 Q Okay. How would your advertising sales be affected if
- 5 the translators are shut down?
- 6 A Well, they -- it would be speculation on my point to
- say that, you know, this is what's going to happen in
- one area and this is what's going to happen in another.
- 9 But it would affect sales, yes.
- 10 O Well, I understand it would be speculation. But you've
- 11 been selling advertising here for about 10 years and I
- would think that with your background you would be able
- to make an educated statement as to what you think the
- 14 effect would be and I'd be interested in hearing what -
- how -- the degree -- how would it be affected?
- 16 A Well, we would lose all revenue out of Kodiak, we would
- lose all revenue out of Seward and we would have K Bay
- and KPEN reaching central peninsula and then K Wave
- 19 reaching primarily the south peninsula. So it would be
- 20 detrimental. I mean I couldn't put a dollar figure on
- it or a percentage figure, but they would definitely --
- it would definitely affect the cash flow of the
- 23 station, yes.
- Q Well, what percentage of your income -- for example you
- sell in the....

- 1 A Kodiak.
- 2 0 .....Kodiak area.
- 3 A Yes ma'am, uh-huh (affirmative).
- 4 Q What percentage of your income is from your sales in
- 5 the Kodiak area?
- 6 A Currently about \$500.00 a month is what I'm taking down
- out of the -- the Kodiak area. And the reason for that
- is because even since we came back online out there and
- 9 we found a way to deliver the signal once again, Dave
- 10 Becker asked me not to spend a lot of time tracking
- down sales in Kodiak if we were going to go silent.
- 12 And he wanted to see what happened here before he -- we
- 13 -- he used to have a large following in the Kodiak
- 14 area. And when we had to -- when the White Alice site
- 15 was taken down and we lost delivery method to that area
- there was a lot of people that -- that were hurt by
- that, they didn't like the fact that we weren't there
- 18 as -- as reflected in the unsolicited petition
- for us to come back on the air out there. And what he
- 20 didn't want to do was is he didn't want to get out
- there, build a large following again and then have
- 22 everybody disappointed because for, you know, reasons
- beyond our control we're not able to service that
- 24 market.
- Q Okay. Prior to going off the air you were still -- you

- were selling at Kodiak at that time, is that correct?
- 2 A Yes and no, but I cannot -- that was the transition
- period between the old Sales Manager, when he left
- 4 Kodiak was his area, he was leaving, I sold in Kodiak
- for barely a year if even that long before the White
- 6 Alice site came down. So I don't have an -- an
- 7 accurate track record to tell you -- I mean I don't --
- I can't say that this is the amount of money that we
- 9 pulled out of that area because I just don't have that
- 10 information.
- 11 Q When you.....
- 12 A That's something that could be provided I'm sure, but
- it's not something I have access to.
- 14 Q Okay. You had no conversations with the prior Sales
- 15 Manager then about Kodiak being a lucrative sales area.
- 16 A No, I can't say that we did.
- 17 Q But you....
- 18 A Obviously it was -- obviously we did well enough out
- 19 there that it warranted somebody flying out there once
- a month.
- 21 O And you think it would be significantly over the
- 22 \$500.00 a month if you were allowed to redevelop that
- 23 audience.
- 24 A I would certainly hope so. I would hate to go out
- there for \$500.00 a month.